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MINOR CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN HUNTING RULES FOR
MOURNING DOVES, RAILS, AND GALLINULES

Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman directed attention today to the publication of a "further amended notice of proposed rule making" in the August 8 issue of the Federal Register which contains "certain minor changes" in the seasons on doves, rails, and gallinules.

These changes, according to the Secretary, resulted from special conferences held by the Fish and Wildlife Service with officials of the various State conservation agencies concerned.

The proposed changes are as follows:

For mourning doves, new opening dates will be September 1 in Nebraska, October 2 in Virginia, and December 17 in Georgia.

For rails and gallinules, the opening dates will be September 1 in Maryland, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Virginia; September 15 in Florida; and October 20 in Massachusetts.

In Idaho the season on mourning doves has been set from September 1 to September 15, inclusive, in all of the State except Bannock, Bear Lake, Caribou, Bingham, Bonneville, Clark, Jefferson, Fremont, Madison, and Teton Counties.

As previously announced, the detailed regulations for migratory waterfowl will be issued on or about August 26.

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